

**MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
201 Chicago Street  
Thursday  
September 27, 2021  
6:30 pm

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Bobby Kaminski was absent with notice. Also in attendance was Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Tracy Bianchi, Brent DeFore, Craig Hepner, and Steven Devine

President Barnes asked Mrs. Donahue if anyone had requested public comment. Mrs. Donahue reported that no one had requested public comment.

**Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore**

- Reported the Health Life Safety inspection annual visit went well
- He's still working on the air conditioning project. November 3rd is bid opening
- The air conditioning for the small gym is an ongoing HLS

**Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi**

- Explained about 6th grade learning about fossils. Grateful they can have more hands-on learning this year. The STEM lab adds to this learning

**Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Jennifer Morello**

- Nothing to report

**Principal: Crystal Dvorak**

- Reminded everyone October 15th is the end of the quarter.
- Reviewed the Binex weekly testing for unvaccinated staff is going well
- Baseball lost in the regional playoffs and Girls Basketball won last week

**Superintendent: Brenda Donahue**

- Explained that lead and asbestos testing is a huge expense, but has to go along with the air conditioning work - we hope it's a local company that wins the bidding
- Shared the district's cost for medical insurance has dropped and dental coverage has increased
- Marseilles Elementary didn't receive the after school program grant
- Bev Hall a retired MES teacher passed away last week. There's a group of retired teachers that want to plant a tree in her memory.
- Reported we haven't received any applications for the AD position

**Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner**

- The balance in the operating account as of August 31, 2021, was \$2.86 million which represents an increase of \$350K from the balance at July 31, 2021.
- Receipts for the month of August were slightly over \$777K and included just over \$366K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, \$270K in General State Aid, and \$3,388 in investment income.
- Expenditures in August were just under \$427K
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of August 31 was .661% which is in line with the yield as of July 31.

**A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Morey to approve the consent agenda:**

- **Minutes of:**
  - **Regular Meeting – July 17, 2021 - Amended**
  - **Regular Meeting - August 26, 2021**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Receipts**
- **Disbursements**
- **Payroll**
- **Activity Fund Report**
- **Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings – None**
- **Approval of Closed Session Minutes – None**
- **FOIA Requests: None**

**Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey**

**Nay: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to approve the fiscal year 2022 budget.**

**Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey**

**Nay: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Byone to consider the second reading of the PRESS Issue 107**

**Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey**

**Nay: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Mrs. Dana Davis effective approximately August 24, 2021 - November 19, 2021**

**Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey**

**Nay: None**

**Motion carried**

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Mrs. Mary Smith effective approximately February 14, 2022 - the end of the 21-22 school year  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Mr. Bejan Roumi effective approximately March 18, 2022 - May 2, 2022  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone beginning with the 2021-2022 school year approve the employment of Jessica Smith as a bus monitor  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried


A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to consider the approval for the resignation of Morgan Joback (Special Needs Secretary) as of approximately November 19, 2021.  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded Cowie to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm.  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

  
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President - Jim Barnes

  
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Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf